

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

To surely and automatically determine intermixture of images of another person without resorting to human labor and to beforehand prevent dishonest registration due to substitution, there are provided a face position detection unit for detecting a face position from images acquired by using a camera to consecutively photograph a face, a face position variation calculation unit for calculating a variation between a face position detected at this time and a face position detected at the last time, a determination unit for comparing the calculated variation of the position with a predetermined threshold to determine the image at this time as a registrable one when the variation does not amount to the threshold and to determine the image at this time as an unregistrable one when the variation exceeds the threshold, and a storage unit for registering and storing those images, which are determined to be registrable.